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# Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

## Report of the Fifth Committee

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## I. Introduction

1. At its 88th plenary meeting, on 24 May 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 48th and 51st meetings on 25 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.48 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the interim budget of the United Nations Operation in Burundi for the period from 21 April to 31 December 2004 (A/58/802);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/811).

## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.83

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi" (A/C.5/58/L.83), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Slovakia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.83 without a vote (see para. 6).

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# III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

## Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 1545 (2004) of 21 May 2004, by which the Council authorized, for an initial period of six months as from 1 June 2004, with the intention to renew it for further periods, the deployment of a peacekeeping operation in Burundi entitled United Nations Operation in Burundi,

*Recognizing* that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming* the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses* concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses* concern at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

[1] A/58/802.
[2] A/58/811.

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

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9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Operation in Burundi for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Operation;

10. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Operation for the period from 21 April to 31 October 2004 in a total amount not exceeding 156,043,900 United States dollars, comprising the amount of 49,709,300 dollars for the period from 21 April to 30 June 2004 for the establishment of the Operation, inclusive of the amount of 49,491,200 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee for the period from 21 April to 30 June 2004 under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, and the amount of 106,334,600 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004 for the maintenance of the Operation;

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11. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the total amount of 156,043,900 dollars, comprising the amount of 49,709,300 dollars for the period from 21 April to 30 June 2004 and the amount of 106,334,600 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 149,400 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 21 April to 30 June 2004, and 1,187,900 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004;

13. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

14. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation;

15. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi".